

Weekly Bulletin

April 30th 2021



Our Nature Detectives in Action

We have had a fabulous start to the Summer Term so far and the sun shining has been a bonus for all of our wellbeing. The children are working hard and it has been wonderful to see so many outdoor learning activities taking place to enhance and bring alive the children's learning. We are looking forward to planning many events for this term and trying to reintroduce school activities and events while still keeping everyone safe and following the government guidance for COVID.

We are continuing with all of our health and safety procedures and practices and will be reviewing these in light of the local data and any changes to government guidance. Therefore it is exceedingly important that we are doing all we can to keep safe and we appreciate your support in helping with this.

Summer Uniform

A huge thank you to parents and pupils for the standard of school uniform this term. We have noticed some non-uniform clothing creeping in and will be informing you individually of changes to be made where necessary. In particular please ensure that your child is wearing:

- **grey trousers, skirts or shorts** (no jeans or leggings please)
- **flat, dark shoes** (not trainers) with a good grip and proper support (no flip-flops or crocs please)
- Only **small earring studs** removed on PE days or covered if new piercings
- A **white T-shirt, navy shorts, white sports socks** and a **tracksuit or plain tracksuit bottoms and plain sweatshirt on PE days**
- PE Trainers must provide adequate support for physical activity and should not be football style trainers

Our policy is based on the belief that school uniform gives a sense of pride in the school, a sense of community and belonging. Our uniform is practical and smart, is not distracting in class (as fashion items can be) and makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance. We believe that our uniform is good value for money and has been designed with your child's health and safety needs in mind.

Competition News!

The JTAs would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone for all the fantastic entries for 'The Magic Bike' writing competition. We read all the entries and it was very hard to make our final decisions, but the winners of amazing JTA goody- bags are **Maya E** and **Arthur S** in KS1, and **Millie U** and **Toby C** in KS2. Everyone who took part received a complete bike light set with batteries, so well done everyone!



We have new lunch menus for the summer term. These can be found on the school website or by [following this link](#). Please take some time to talk to your child about the choices available to them.

Dinner money for KS2 is payable on the first day of the week – normally this is Monday – even if your child only has a school dinner once a week. At the moment they are:

- £2.50 per day,
- £12.50 per week and
- £80.00 for the half term to 26th May. These must be paid in advance.

Families of pupils whose dinner money debt rises above £10 will be asked to send in packed lunches until a positive balance is restored.

Do you have a child in year 3 or 4?

If so, in Year 4, they will be taking the **multiplication tables check** (MTC), in June 2021. The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help us to identify pupils who may need additional support.

The MTC is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times tables questions. Your child will answer three practice questions before moving on to the official check and will then have **6 seconds to answer each question**. On average, the check takes no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

We have placed additional [advice on our website](#) with multiplication hints and tips and a workbook to support your child.



From the Team at Meldreth Primary School – we wish you well!